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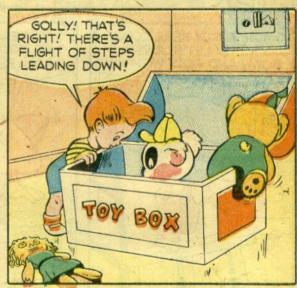






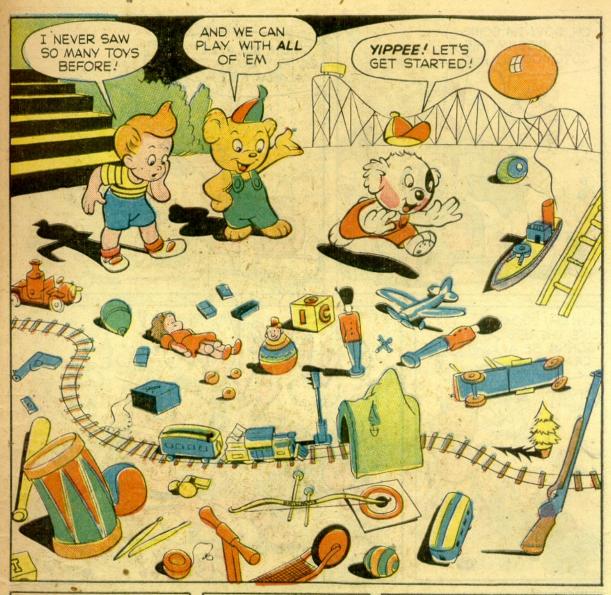
















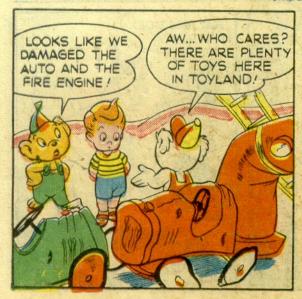


















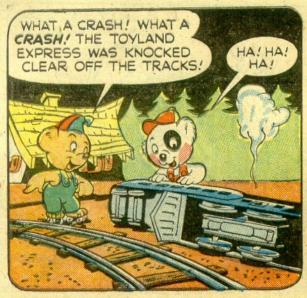






















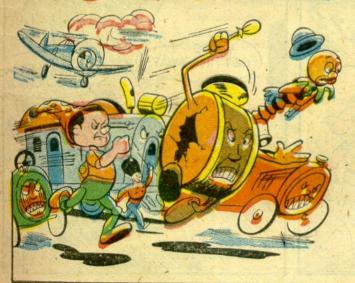






























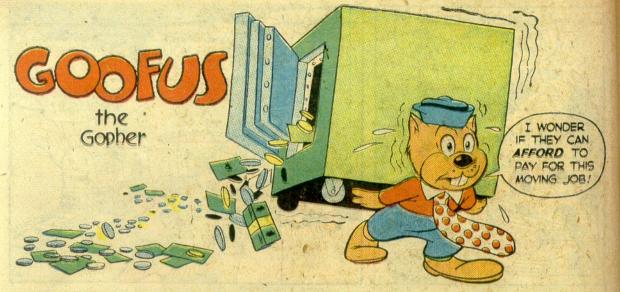






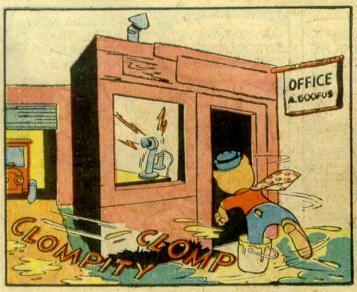




















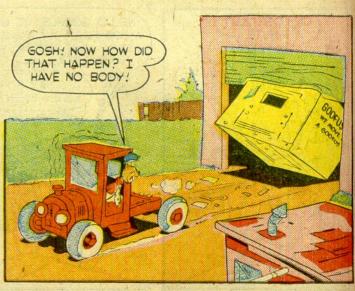


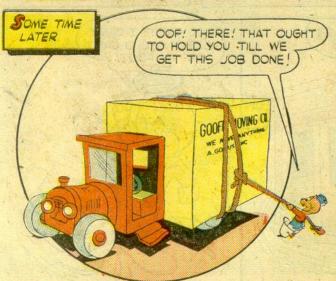






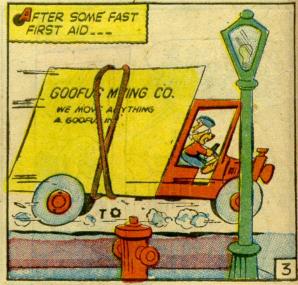


























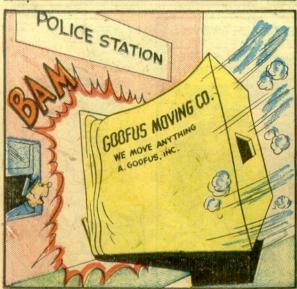


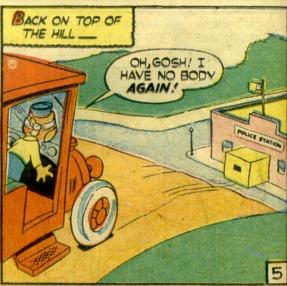
























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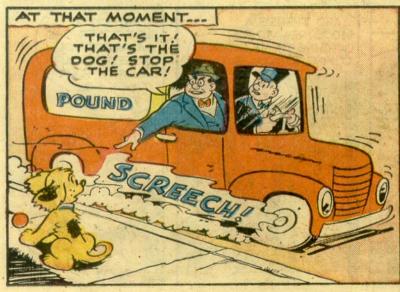
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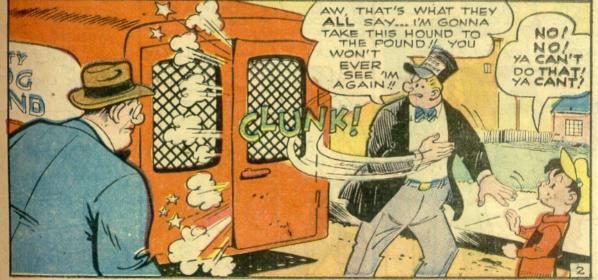


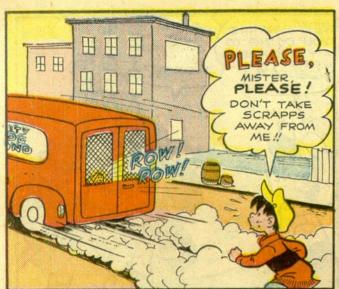


















































DURING THE CONFUSION, THE DOGS RUSH OUT OF THE OPEN GATE TO FREEDOM!

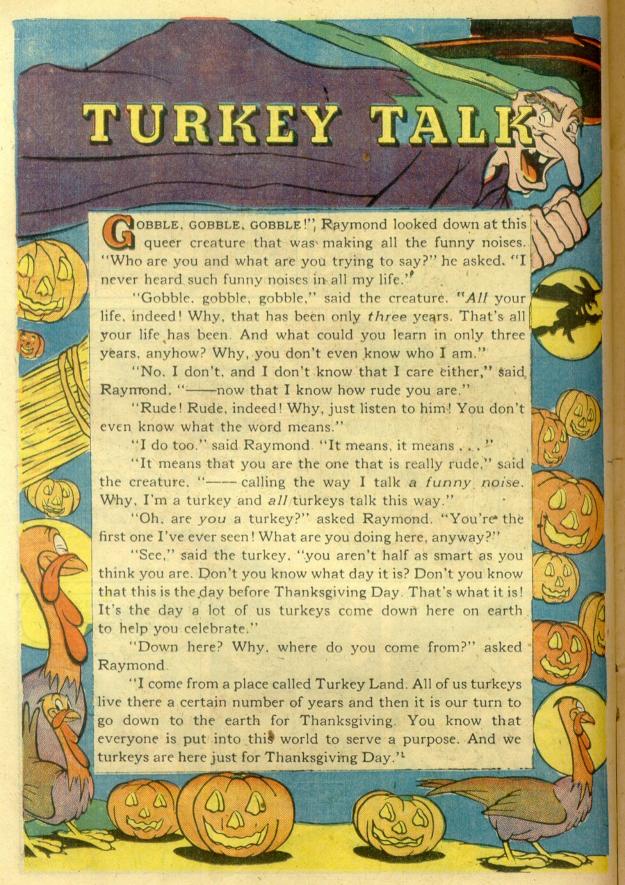


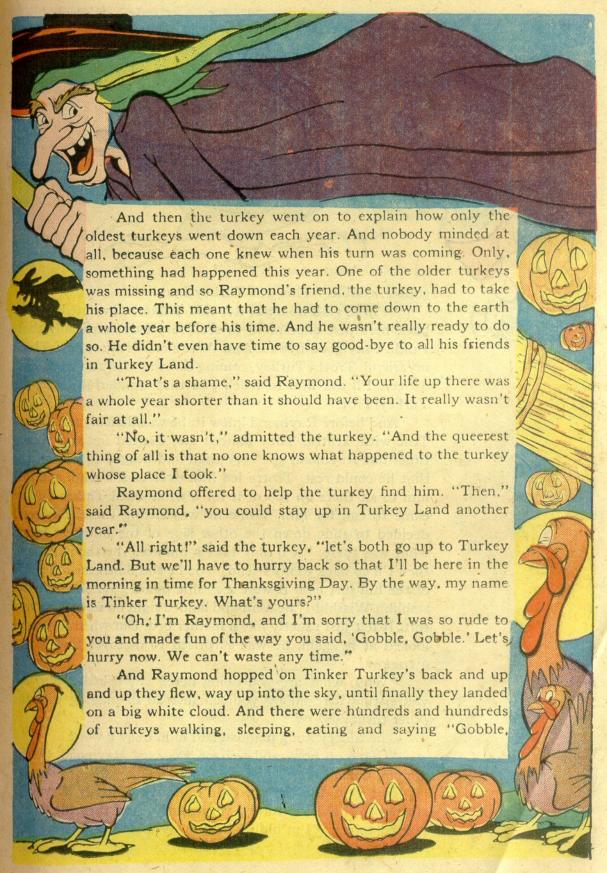


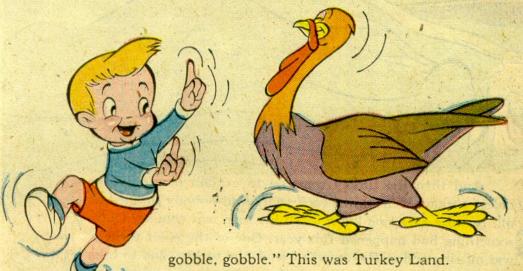












"I'm so glad we made it," said Tinker. "I wanted to come back here just once more to see everybody, especially those I didn't say good-bye to. And there's one of them now. That's my friend, Trotta Turkey, coming this way. He's a very famous dancer. I'll ask him to teach you that wonderful dance, the Turkey Trot."

And before Raymond knew it, he was dancing the Turkey Trot with Trotta. They danced and danced for such a long time that Raymond got very tired and begged to sit down so that he could rest. Trotta led him over to a big hill and told him to sit there on top of it for a while until Tinker Turkey came to call for him. While he was sitting there. Raymond decided to slide down the other side of the hill, just to see what was there. "It'll only take a minute," he thought, "and then I'll go back to my friends." So he slid down the other side of the hill just as if it were a sliding pond. "Wisshhh-Wooodsshhhh-Wisshhh!" he went and landed right on something very soft. It felt just exactly like a feather bed. But when Raymond looked at it again, he was surprised to discover that it was a turkey!

"Why, what are you doing here?" he asked. "Why are you sitting here all by yourself instead of playing with the other turkeys?"

The turkey hung its head and didn't say a word.

"Come on now, and tell me," coaxed Raymond. "What are you doing here?"

But still the turkey didn't answer. Finally Raymond started to shake the turkey very gently. And then the turkey started to cry. "I'm hiding here away from everybody else,"

he said, "because I cheated. I was supposed to go down to the earth for this Thanksgiving. It was really my turn. I didn't want to go, though, so I came here to hide instead. Then Tinker Turkey had to go in my place. But now I don't know what to do. I can't go back or everybody will know that I ran away. And I can't stay here because I'm lonesome."

"Oh!" said Raymond, petting the turkey. "I feel sorry for you. Tinker told me that he had to go down to the earth a year ahead of his time. He also told me that every person is in the world for a reason. And that you live and play here all the time so that you can go down to the earth to help us celebrate Thanksgiving Day when your turn comes. Come, let's find Tinker and tell him that you changed your mind and that you are going back with me."

"What," said the turkey, "do you mean that Tinker is back up here?"

"Yes," said Raymond. "He just came for a short visit to show me Turkey Land and also to find you and then we were to go right back. But now you can go back instead."

So the turkey and Raymond went over the hill to the other side where they found Tinker and Trotta looking very worried because they had missed Raymond. And Raymond told Tinker that he could stay in Turkey Land for another year because he had found the turkey that was missing.

Then Raymond jumped on the back of the little turkey and waved good-bye to Trotta and Tinker. "Good-bye," he called, "I'll see you next year."











NOW I'LL HAVE TO FIND FOOD AND A PLACE TO SLEEP! I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT BEFORE!























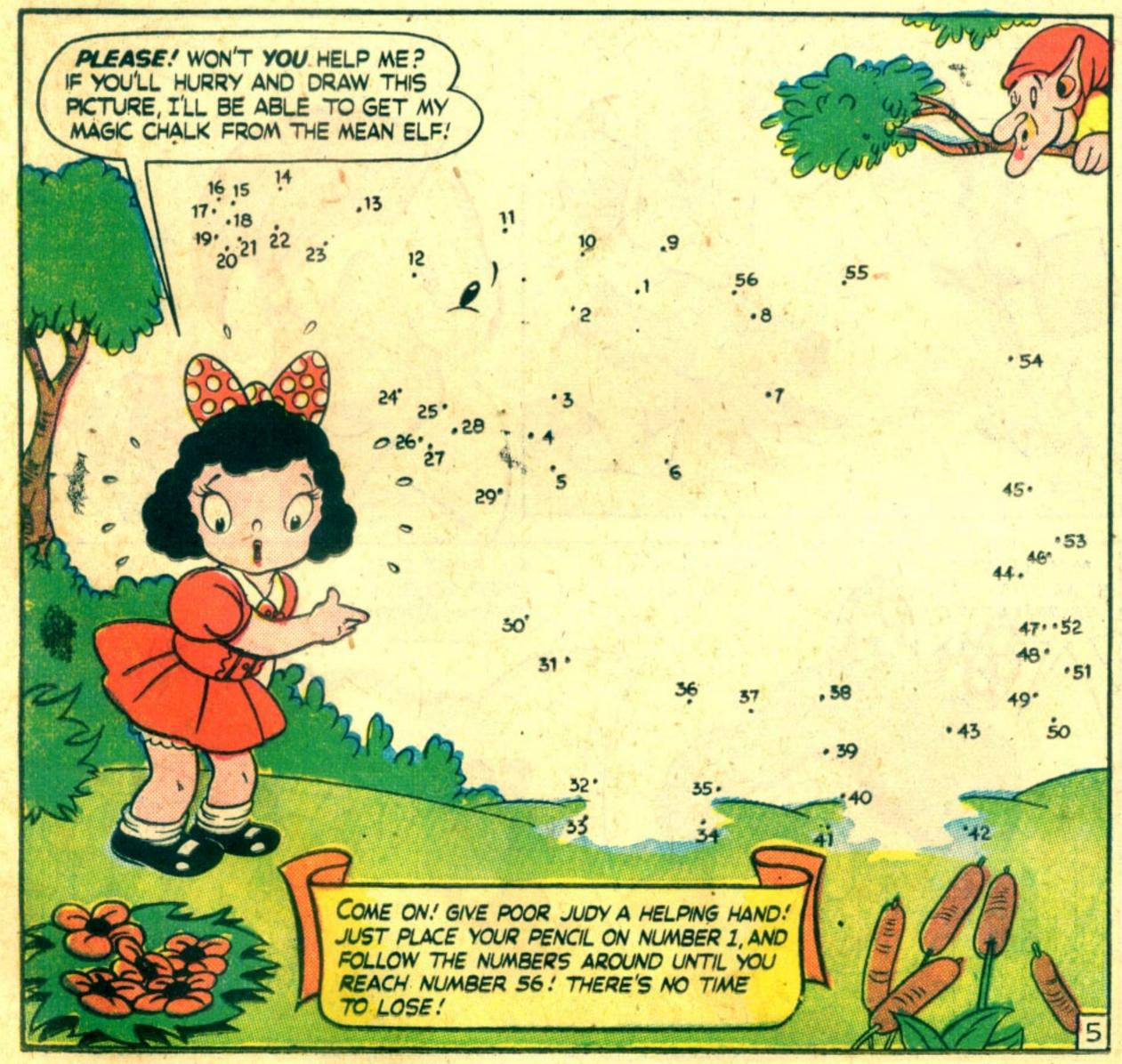


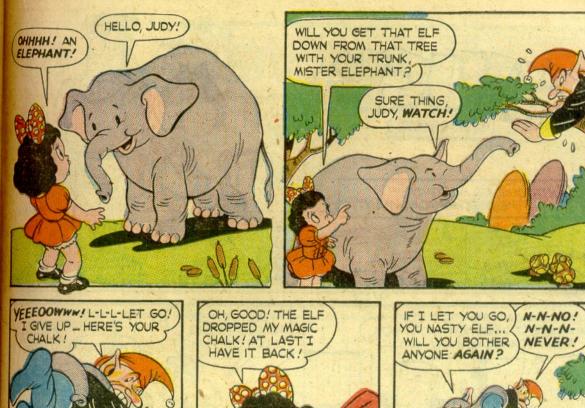












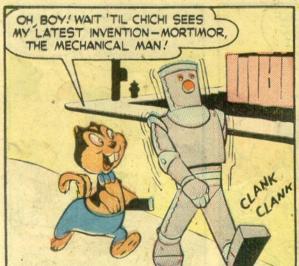




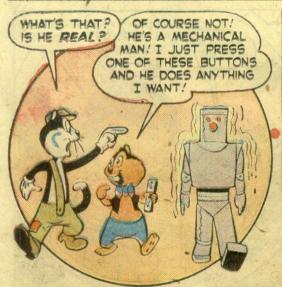






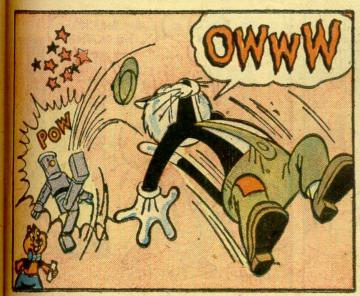








































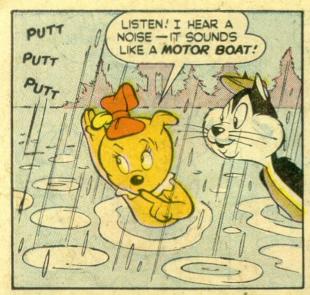




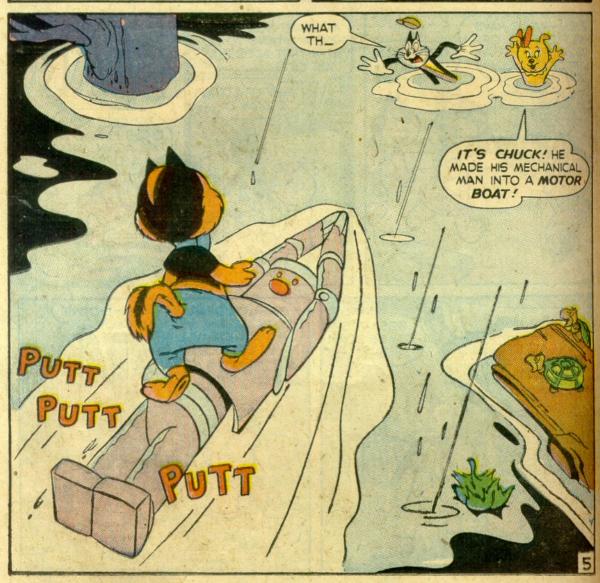






















SWIM HOME \_ BAH!!

















DON'T THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE WORKING FOR NOTHING YOU CAN JUST STAND AROUND HERE! DELIVER THOSE ORDERS!





































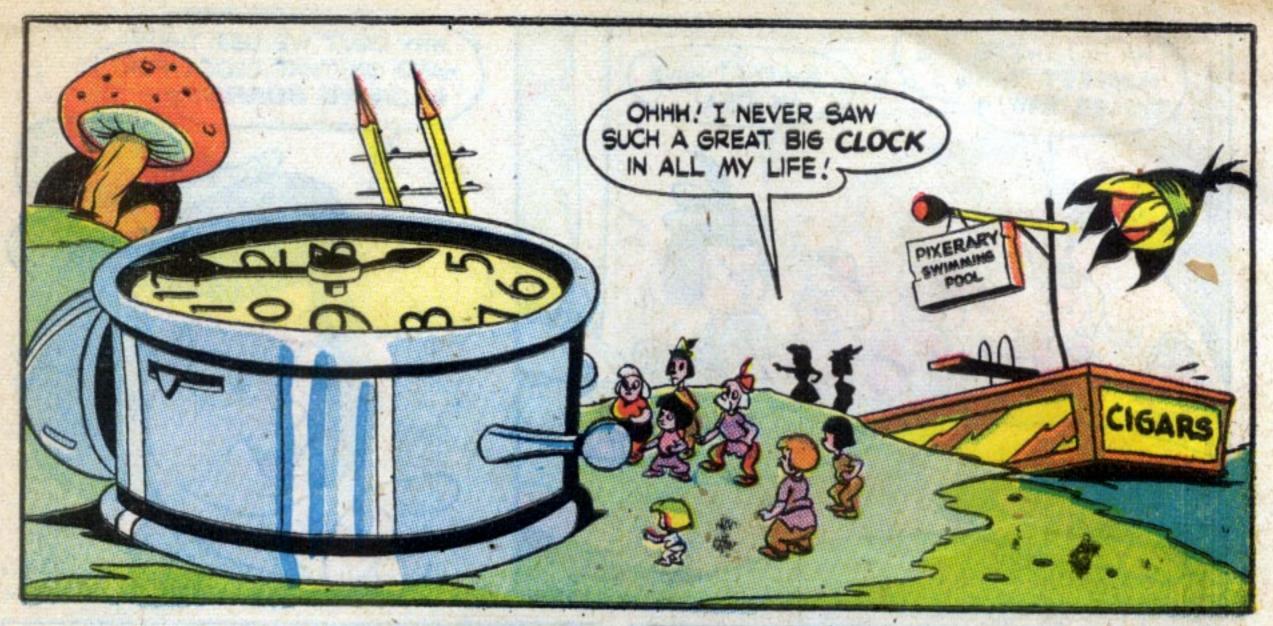


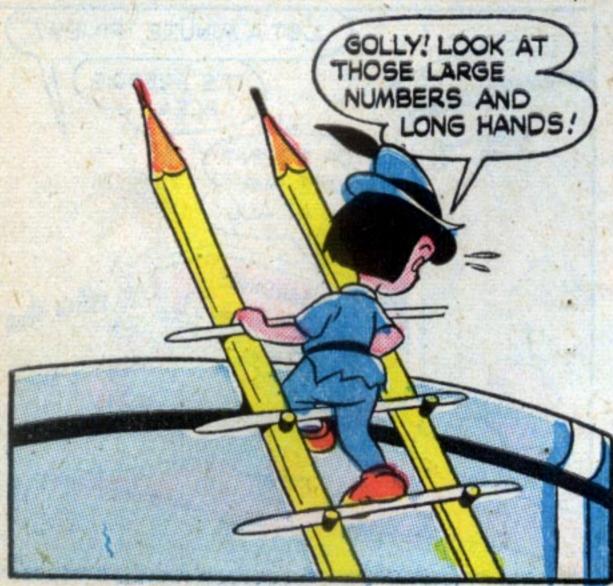


















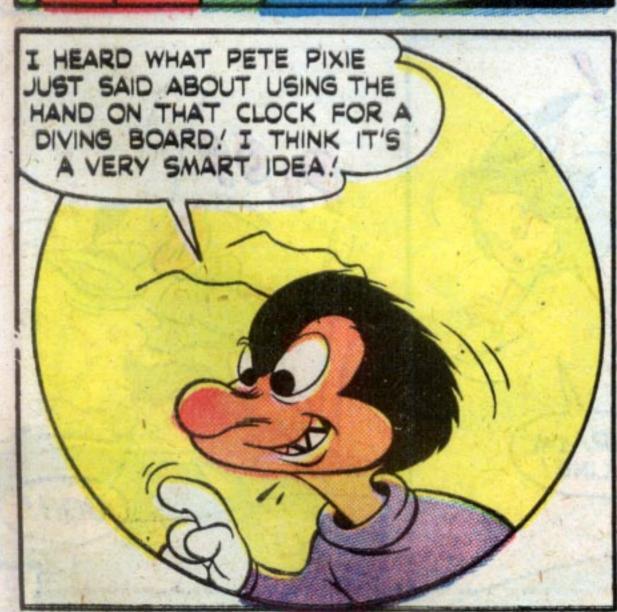




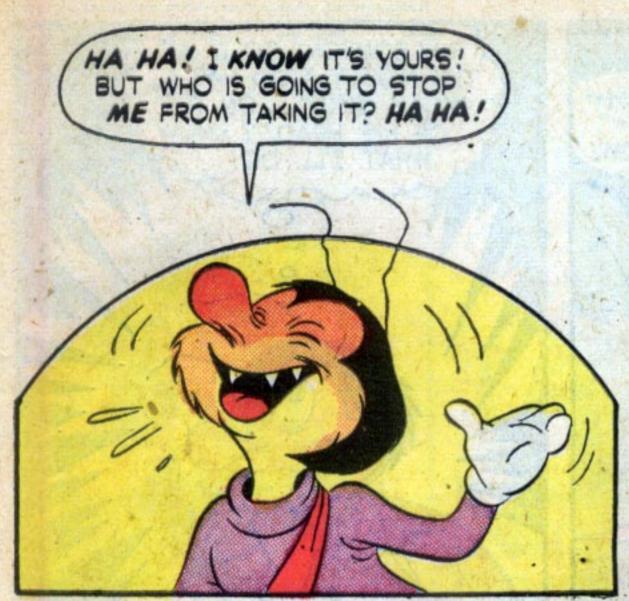


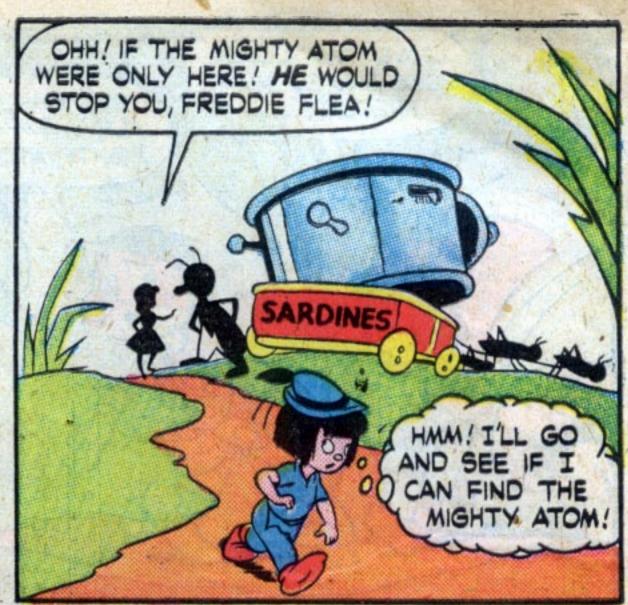








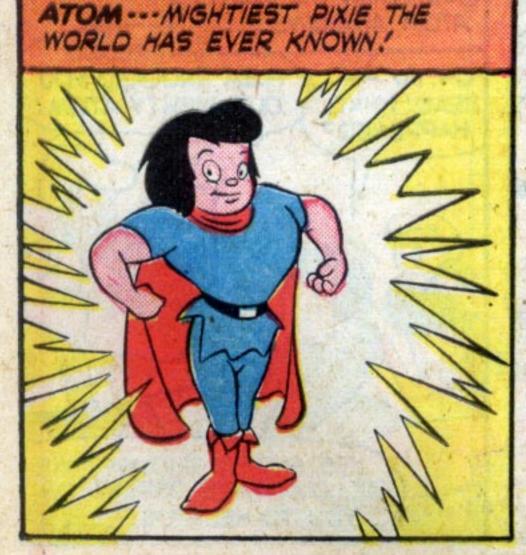




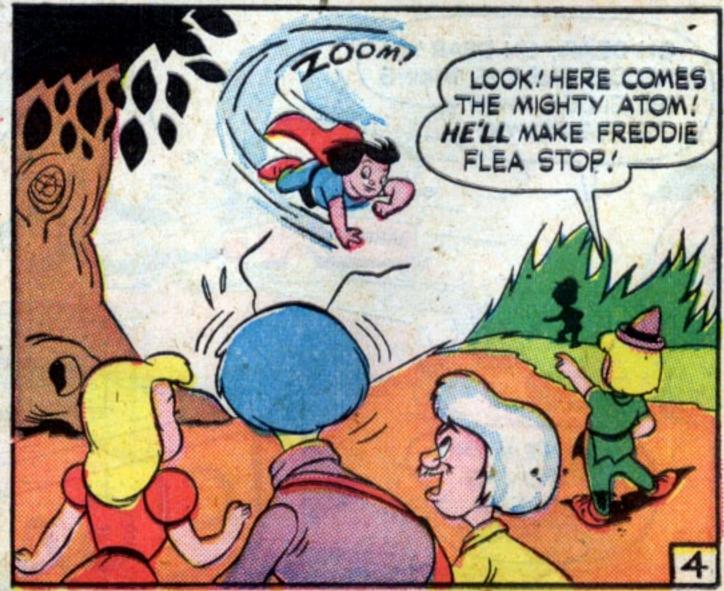






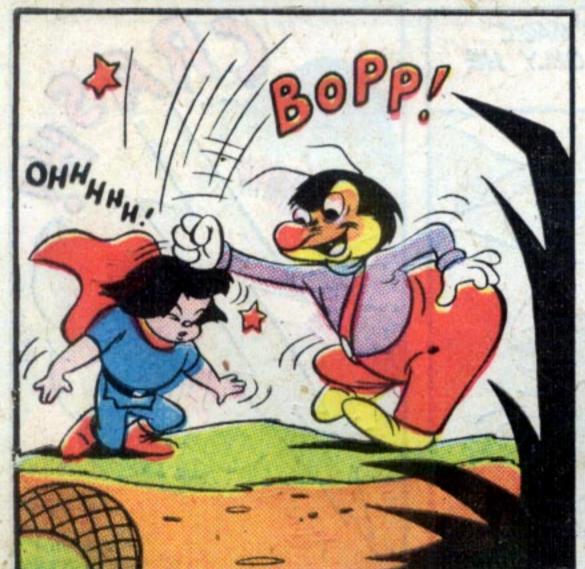


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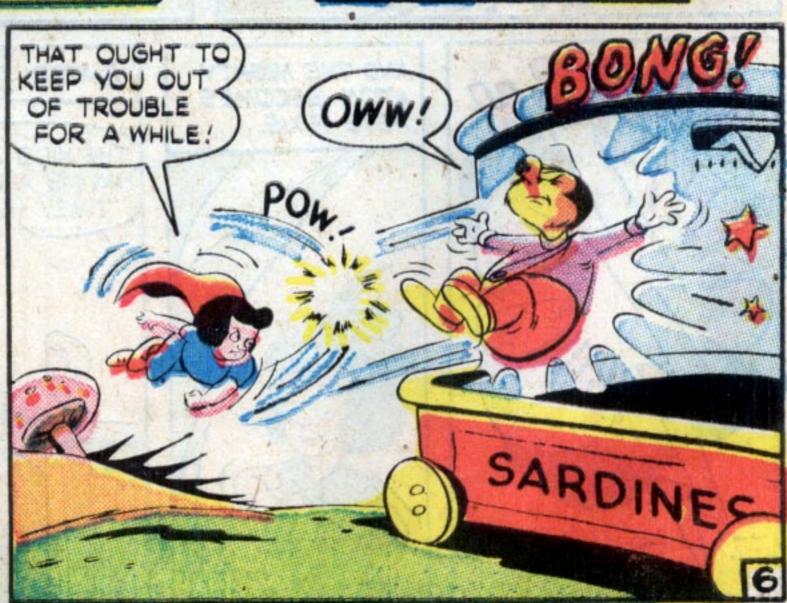




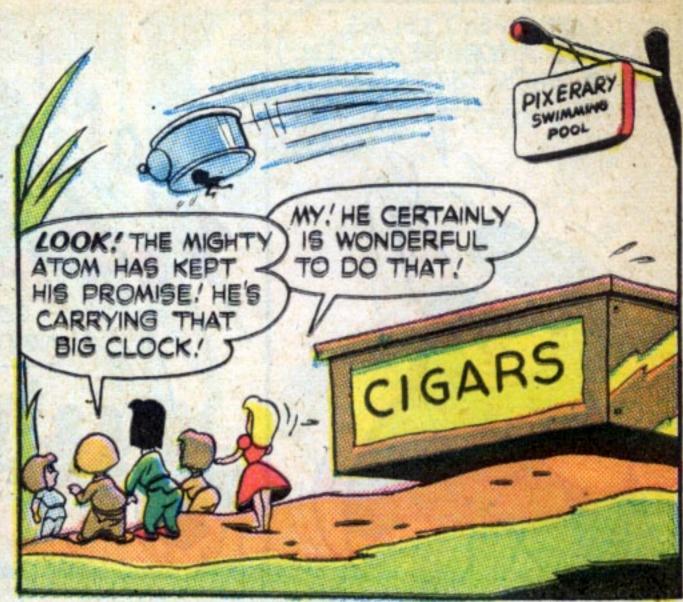








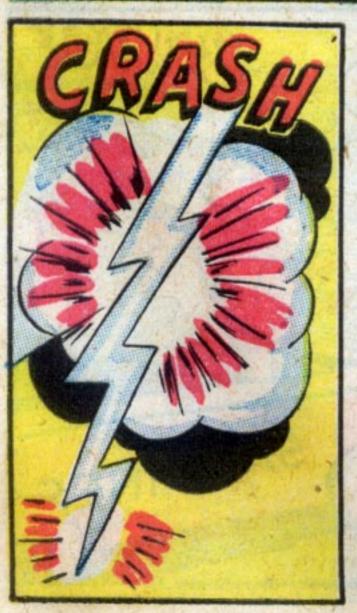














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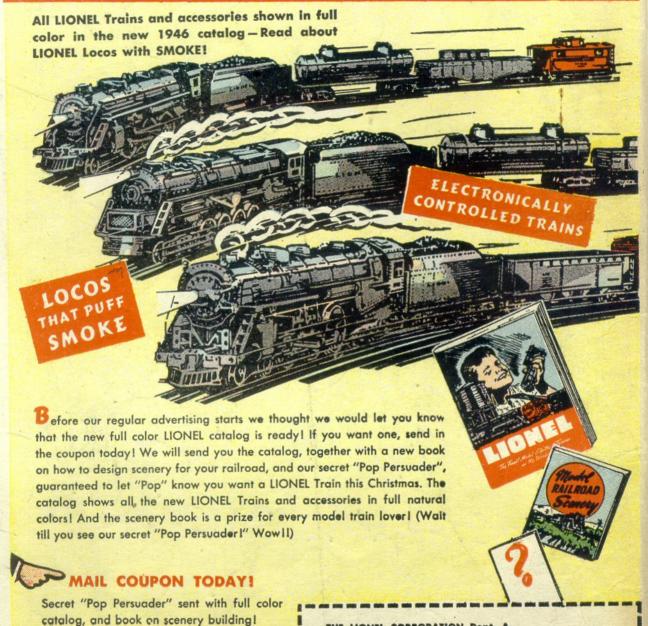
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